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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5 of page 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application <u>claims benefit of is related to U.S. Patent Application No.</u> 60/118,668, entitled "COMMON DISTRIBUTED OBJECT PLATFORM," filed on February 3, 1999; <u>and is related to U.S. Patent Application No.</u> 09/322,455, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING SOFTWARE COMPONENTS," filed on May 28, 1999; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,962, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING CLIENTS," filed on May 28, 1999; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,643, entitled "AUDIO VISUAL ARCHITECTURE," filed on May 28, 1999; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,459, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS," filed on May 28, 1999; U. S. Patent Application No. 09/322,207, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING ART," filed on May 28, 1999; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,964, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERATING A USER INTERFACE FOR DISTRIBUTED DEVICES," filed on May 28, 1999; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/322,852, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING SOFTWARE COMPONENTS," filed on May 28, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--